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Peter Raises Tabitha From THE DEAD

Acts
9:36-43



Instructions: For each of the pictures, ask your child...What is going on in this picture? What would you pray to God about if you were in this picture? (For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)



This is a fun way to

decide who gets the honor of praying at meals. This week put a small can or a similar container in the center of the table with several straws of varying lengths in it. When it's time to eat, take the straws from the can and line them up in your hand so that they all appear to be the same length at the top. Make sure no one can see the uneven bottoms of the straws. Have your child pick a straw, and have other family members do the same. Let the person who draws the shortest straw have the honor of praying and thanking God for the meal.

ASK ☞ How did you feel when you were picking the straw?

☞ Why is it good to pray for our food?

☞ When are some other times we can pray to God?



What I Learned Today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Acts 9:36-43) tells us that God hears our prayers. A woman named Tabitha lived in Joppa where she made clothes and helped the poor. But Tabitha became very sick and died. Tabitha's friends were very sad and quickly sent for Peter. When Peter arrived, he sent the people who were crying out of the room. Then he knelt down and prayed. When he finished praying, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes and sat up. He called back all the people who had been sad and showed them that God had brought Tabitha back to life—Tabitha was alive again because God hears our prayers.

Key Verse: Prayer is powerful (adapted from James 5:16b).

Get some alfalfa seeds from your local health food store.

Have your child place about 2 table-spoons of seeds in a clear, pint-sized container. Put several layers of cheesecloth over the opening of the container, and use a rubber band to hold the cheesecloth in place. Have your child pour warm water through the cloth into the container to rinse the seeds, and then pour out the excess water. Place the container in a sunny location. Within a few hours, your child will see the changes in the seeds. Remind your child to rinse the seeds in warm water each day. When the seeds have sprouted about 1 inch, they are ready to be eaten in a sandwich or on a salad.

Tell your child that Tabitha's coming back to life when Peter prayed for her is similar to the way the alfalfa seeds grew. God caused the seeds to grow, just as he caused Tabitha to come back to life.

ASK ☞ What kinds of things can we pray for?

☞ How long does it take for God to answer our prayers?

☞ How can we learn to be patient and wait for an answer?



Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- ☞ Pray and thank God for always hearing your prayers.
- ☞ Tell a friend or parent a time you knew God heard your prayer.
- ☞ Practice listening to others this week. If God always hears us, we should hear others, too!

